

128 E. 12th St.,

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My Dear Garrison,

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It is a long time since I either wrote you a letter or received one from you; but not many days have gone over my head that I have ^{not} thought of you with interest and affection. I often regret that I do not live near enough to you to see you ^{frequently} ~~often~~ and talk with you about the things in which we feel a common interest. Some time in September I sent you a copy of my Peacham address. My visit to my native place was made a very happy one by circumstances somewhat peculiar. I would gladly, before returning home, have gone to Boston; but it was not possible for me to do so, as my vacation was very short.

Wendell informs me that you
are going to Philadelphia next week, to the
anniversary of the Am. Woman's Suffrage
Association. I am glad of it, and write
to ask you to give us at least one
night, going or returning. I sent you,
last week,
a copy of the Revolution, with a letter
of mine in it, to which I wished to attract
your attention, in the hope that your
opinions would be found to coincide
with mine. At the same time, I wrote
to Mrs. Livermore, calling her attention to
my views, and expressing the hope that
she would do what she could to keep
the suffrage movement on the "main
road". I told her that it was impos-
sible to work for the new interpretation
of the Constitution without making our-
selves tributary to Mrs. Woodhull,
who has made herself the leader
of those who work on that line. She

is going to Washington this winter, it is
said, to keep open house, and lavish
her attentions upon members of Congress,
with a view to get what she calls a de-
claratory act "providing for carrying out
her views. I told Mrs. Livermore that
I thought the Am. Society should direct
its efforts to a Fifteenth Amendment
and to the necessary changes in State
Constitutions, leaving Mrs. Woodhull and
those who follow her to pursue the other
object without notice or opposition and
without comment. In this way I thought
a line of demarkation would speedily
be drawn between them and us, which
would ^{relieve} ~~relieve~~ us from all embarrassing
complications with the Woodhullites. I have
heard nothing from Mrs. Livermore,
and know not whether she accepts ~~my~~
or rejects my views. I shall be glad
if, through your influence, together with

that of them, the Society can be kept
out of the "By-Paths." If you agree
with me, I suggest that either in the
Independent or Woman's Journal you
take occasion to set forth your views—
of course, saying nothing about Mrs. Wood-
hull.

Mary Anne, who for some time
past has been remarkably well, is just
now quite ill, but with a prospect of
being better in a day or two. She unites
with me in love to you and all
your household.

Yours, affectionately,

Oliver Johnson.